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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

"For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10:46."

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Pray for a Greater Outpouring of the Spirit and a World-wide Revival

There is a Wrong Somewhere.

God does not Cross or Contradict Himself.

Truth and Error does not Mix any more than Oil and Water.

Jesus taught as one having authority. No one dare say that His teachings were wrong. The Pharisees accused Him of being wrong, but that did not make Him wrong. Although He had to stand alone yet He did not shrink. A few unlearned men were attracted to Him and He taught them His doctrine. While He became a source of much concern and uneasiness to the religious teachers of that day, yet their false traditional religion moved on. The fact of it was, He was right and they were wrong even if they did go on in their way.

These faithful men were the channel through whom His doctrine has been brought down to us. While Paul was not among them at the first, yet He was taught the same truth by revelation later on. The teaching that was given Paul was the same that had been given the first disciples, so Paul was able to fall in with them and worked in harmony with them and no account is given of any disagreement except once very slightly when Peter quit eating with the Gentiles when some of the brethren who were so strong against Jews and Gentiles mingling together came to where they were holding meetings together among the Gentiles. But this little friction was soon adjusted.

The apostles had one doctrine — the doctrine of Jesus. These faithful men stereotyped His doctrine by writing it down as He gave it to them. They were commissioned to disciple all nations and teach them (all nations) to observe the same doctrine. They were faithful and thousands received the doctrine and the record shows that the multitudes continued steadfastly in this same doctrine.

Since there is only one

Bible and this one Bible gives an outline of this one doctrine it becomes a mystery how so many different doctrines have been originated since the reformation started by Martin Luther. Every different sect claims they are right and that their creed and articles of faith are based on the Scriptures and yet all are different. This leads us to exclaim, There is a wrong somewhere!

When men of deep spirituality write or speak on certain themes and claim the Lord has led them to such conclusions, and other men who appear to be equally as spiritual as the former will write or speak on the same subjects and widely differ and yet say the Lord has led them to form their conclusions we are forced to say, There is something wrong somewhere.

Two men in conversation a little while ago were talking on some points of Scripture. They had never met before and were feeling of each other and gradually acquiring some fellowship when one asked the other what the Lord showed him about the meaning of a certain passage of Scripiure.

The one interrogated was slow about answering such a question and rather evaded it when the questioner began frankly to explain what he said the Lord had showed him. After he was through with his explanation and had emphatically declared the Lord had showed him, he was asked by the second party if he was so firmly fixed in that view that he could not be changed, to which he gave room for doubt in his answer. The second party was wise enough to withold himself from a discussion of the subject. The fact of it was that the second party knew that if the Lord had showed the other the way he explained it there was no use in any discussion, because when the Lord shows a thing it is surely that way. But when the first party began to shrink until he was not so settled but what he might be changed then it was plain to see that although he had assured the second party that the Lord had showed him yet he himself was not sure it was the Lord that showed him after all.

Another fact remains that the second party knew very well that the Lord had not showed him any such thing and yet he had enough courtesy and wisdom to deal with him in a way not to cause offence and to refrain from argument. There is something wrong when one says the Lord shows him a thing and another says the Lord shows him an opposite view of the same thing, for God does not cross or contradict Himself.

Not infrequently has it been said that the Lord showed the meaning of certain Scriptures through a vision, revelation or dream and the person to whom it was revealed (?) became enthusiastic about his "new light" he had found.

Now it is not impossible for God to reveal certain hidden truthes in that way and we offer no special objections to such visions and revelations, but an abserver will very frequently run across another man that has had a revelation (?) of the same Scriptures which gives a contrary view to the first one. In such cases it is clear to see that there is something wrong somewhere. The fact remains then that one or both are wrong for God does not cross or contradict Himself in any such a way.

There is danger along here and this is a signal we want to raise so that spiritual people may see it. James says, "Be not many masters," and the inference is as some translators give it, "Be not many teachers." Jesus was recognized as a great teacher but was called "Good Master." (Luke 18:18.) James makes it appear as does Paul that wrong teaching leads people into condemnation, both the teacher and those that hear. Paul also says, "For though ye have ten thousand instructers in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers." In these days every body wants to be teachers of some "new doctrine" or "new light" they claim God has given them. This is what is causing shipwreck and the downfall of many precious souls.

The Holy Ghost was given to guide into truth and not into error. Then if a person gets light (?) that afterward proves to be error it is not the Holy Ghost that has led that person even if he has been claiming that the Holy Ghost gave him the "light." Truth and error does not mix any more than oil and water. You can put oil and water in the same vessel and shake the vessel until there may be

particles of oil entirely surrounded by water, or there might be particles of water surrounded with oil, but it will not blend together and form a mixed substance. Some one may advance some portions of error and surround it with truth until it will scarcely be noticed as error, but it will not blend together. But Holy Ghost does no such a thing. He teaches all truth and no error or He does not teach at all. When a man mixes error with truth he is not prompted by the Holy Ghost to do that, even if he has been prompted by the Holy Ghost to teach the truth.

But it is more likely under such circumstances that the Holy Ghost has had nothing to do with any of it.

The standard of truth is fixed and any deviation from that standard is error.

The differences arise, not because the Holy Ghost crosses Himself in His teaching, but because of other influences that act on the human mind that is often taken to be the Holy Spirit. These influences yielded to and thought to be the Holy Spirit are causing the divisions and crosses in teachings by spiritual people. These influences work on the mind similar to cold and heat on the body.

Too much cold drives one to seek a warmer atmosphere. Too much heat makes one seek for a cooler place. A cool atmosphere is attractive in the heat of midsummer. So a warm room is inviting in midwinter.

But few people have learned the difference between these influences as they work on the mind, and the real living walking talking Holy Ghost that Jesus said would teach us all things and guide us into all truth. Many have been baptized with the Holy Ghost that have not learned His manner of instructing, and because of this defect in knowledge these other influences take advantage of the infant pupils and often times lead them into error. This little hint to the wise and spiritual ought to be an incentive to press them into a deeper depth of humility and create a cry in their souls for a greater knowledge of God and spiritual things.

Divisions are caused and false teachings are given out among pentecostal people because of a deficiency in knowledge of spirituals. As this necessary knowledge is obtained and the Holy Ghost heeded instead of these above mentioned influences error will slink away from our people and nothing but truth remain. Then will come to pass the saying, "For they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion." (Isa. 52:8) And there will be a glorious return to Acts 2:42, "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine." and Acts 4:32, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul." Glory! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Amen!

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Your sister under the blood,

Arminda Brown.

HILL VIEW, TENN. We have called W. A. Walker for our pastor for this year.

We are poor here and Bro. Walker is giving all his time to the work. Help us pray that his needs will be met.

M. W. Coleman, clerk.

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DEVIL POINT, CAT I. BAH. I do praise and thank God for this full and complete salvation. I praise him for the power that is in the precious blood of His dear son. I am determined to go through with Jesus all the way by His grace.

Wife and I were saved and sanctified in Miami a year ago. Pray that we may receive the Holy Ghost. We have made a blunder out of the Baptist Church and are having services in my house.

No souls have been added to the Church. Pray much for us in this dark place. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

Alexander A. Williams.

P. S. Two seekers ask the saints to pray for them that they may be saved from sin, and find this blessed Holy Way.

MIAMI, FLA. This day finds me still a witness for Jesus. I am so glad I ever found the way. I went to hear Sister Barr. I got convicted, went down, bless God seeking to Jesus. Sister Barr instructed me. I believe it, Then He sanctified me. They ask me did I want to receive the Holy Ghost? I said "yes." I began, "Hallelujah, hallelujah, bless God" — The Holy Ghost took my tongue and began to use it in some other language. It brought joy and peace into my soul. It is too much, I can't tell it all, but I want to say I am one of them. Pray for me. I am determined to go through.

Rinah E. Ranming.

The Church of God at Springplace have built a church house and have organized a Sunday School. We are hoping great things for them.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

We want to thank our readers for the many words of encouragement and the cheering testimonies they are sending in. We are so sorry we can not publish the letters in full, but that would be impossible. Our desk is piled with them and still they come. We want to ask the readers to remember to pray for each one that has requested prayer. We may not be able to publish all their names and address, and you might not remember them all if we did, but our God knows each and every one. Let us continually pray for one another for this is pleasing in His sight, and in His own good time and way He will answer the feeblest petition.

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MILLVILLE, PA. Praise the Lord, we are having some good meetings.

The Lord is opening homes and hearts. Send me some papers to give out. May the Lord bless you and your work.

P. F. Fritz.

ECTOR, TEXAS. I feel good in my soul, bless his name. I've promised to go through at any cost and I know I can by his help and grace. The world holds no attractions for me.

Mrs. Massie Nelson.

ON VICTORY'S SIDE. I do thank the good Lord for the Comforter which testifies when He comes. I don't know what he says, but one thing I do know, it brings joy and peace to my soul. Pray for me as I go on to Nassau, that the Lord may get glory out of my life. Your brother in Jesus,

Louis O. Smith.

EMPIRE, ALA. Dear Brother, Greeting in Jesus' name. Well the Lord is blessing us good here. He is pouring out his spirit. Two received the Holy Ghost last night. Am sending you two subscriptions.

Geo. T. Brouayer.

TAMPA, FLA. I feel the fire burning in my soul this morning. I am dead to this world and I want to do more for the Lord. My heart runs over when I see victory is near when I shall go in the field to work for the Lord. My husband is not saved. Pray for him. Yours in Jesus' love.

Mrs. J. T. Driggers.

KENTWOOD, LA. Dear Bro. Tomlinson sent me here as pastor of the Church here. I was glad to meet several of the saints and to find them in working order. We are having some good meetings. A goodly number being healed. We beg an interest in the prayers of all saints.

W. A. Capshaw.

PITTS, GA. There is no Church of God at this place. Please send me an annointed handkerchief. My little girl is very sick with whooping cough, Pray that God will heal her. Your brother,

S. L. Cantrell.

PINSON, ALA. I am one of God's little ones and have the baptism with the Holy Ghost. My little girl is thought to have appendicitus. She has an attack about every six weeks. They say she must be operated on, but I know God can heal. I want every saint that reads this to join with me in prayer that God will remove the cause.

Your brother in Christ,

Lee Sullivan.

TELLICO PLAINS, TENN.— Am praising God for complete salvation. He is keeping me every day. I am up in the mountain working for lost souls. Pray that the good Lord may Supply all my needs. Yours till he comes. J. J. Tallent.

HYATT, TENN. About three years ago the Lord really convicted me of sin and one night at a Methodist meeting saved my soul. A little later Bro. Buckalew and wife held a revival and God showed me I needed something more. I sought earnestly, and praise His name, He really filled me with the Holy Ghost. Pray for our home, that God may save father and brother.

Mamie Campbell.

VARNELLS, GA. Still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, but the devil is trying to hinder my progress.

I want every child of God to really pray for me. Am troubled financially. I have just been in the hardest battle of my experience.

Jesus has brought me through safe thus far. Last night a few of us came together for meeting. A lady in the settlement has been down with consumption. She had sent us word to pray for her. She thought it was death any way. So I charged the little band of children to get out of self and let the Lord work.

So we prayed and in less than five minutes the woman came walking in the room where we were assembled.

Pray that I may do more for the blessed master. Your brother under the blood,

J. A. Tant.

BRANFORD, FLA. This is my first letter to the Evangel, but Glory to God I am in the work just the same. I find plenty of work within five miles of my door. Five different places to give out the word, and how sweet it is when given out in its purity. No telling what you can do till you just give up and let the Lord use you.

Only 8 saints here, but the Lord is with us. Yesteday morning I saw in a dream, or vision, a bright light rise and in the light was the Son of God. I will know that blessed light when I see it again. I thought I feared a little at first, but began crying glory and started to meet him in the air and woke up. I cannot keep this blessed vision off my mind. I don't believe it will be long till He comes. Pray for me and my dear ones. There are six of us got the Holy Ghost. When one gets sick, all we do is to gather around and call for our blessed physician. He is right there and

THE MISTAKES OF MOSES.

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The evil of the present day,
Man's scorn of God exposes;
When some cheap fool will ridicule
Mistakes of men like Moses.

Poor Moses doubtless made mistakes,
As anyone supposes;
But don't forget—we're running yet
Some miles in rear of Moses.

For Moses trod a giant's track
And not a path of roses;
Not one of us is big enough
To make mistakes like Moses.

Remember, you smart critics,
Who assume self-righteous poses.
'Twas not because of his mistakes
The world remembers Moses.

—Selected.

(From page 5.)

the enemy has to depart.

I would love for some one who is out and out for the Word in its fulness to come here and help.

W. E. Evans.

NOCATEE, FLA. Thank God for the real fellowship of the Spirit today. I am one of His little ones, and very unworthy of what he has done for me. Jesus told Peter to feed His lambs. He has been giving us some good rich food by the mouth of his servant T. S. Payne. We shall not soon forget his stay with us at Nocatee. Three got the baptism, some got saved. Oh it just gets better every day. The more we get the more we want.

The tobacco enemy here is about to destroy them all, though a person that had rather have tobacco or snuff than Jesus is not much to start with.

I thank God for the Evangel. It is food to my soul and helps my body.

When I think what a most miserable life the Lord saved me from I just fall down and ask God to help me do my best for Him. Dear friends don't get discouraged. Press the battle. Oh for a closer walk with God.

Yours in His love,

Corene Smith.

WOODSTOCK, GA. I feel led to write my testimony this sweet Sunday morning. I have a free salvation in my heart. I am praising God for the Holy Ghost, and the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. I'm looking for His coming. Bless His sweet name.

Ella New.

LINDON, FLA. I am still in the fight for God. Just closed a meeting at Lindon, Fla. and it was a good one. The Lord gave us victory in spite of the devil and all his combined forces. Hallelujah to His name. We are in the fight to stay till Jesus comes or calls us away.

Fifteen souls were saved and nine received the Holy Ghost. Eleven followed the Lord in water baptism and 20 were added to the church.

We desire the prayers of all the saints that we may stay in the center of the Lord's will.

Yours under the blood,

W. R. Anderson, and wife.

MARCO, FLA. To the Saints scattered abroad, greeting: I write these things unto you that your joy might be full.

We are here on one of the islands of the west gulf coast where we by the help of the Lord set the Church in order some few months ago.

Have been told that before this wonderful plan of salvation was preached here, there was never a week passed without drunkenness. People were carrying pistols and knives for each other, but now all is different. Glory to God.

They had material shipped here to build a jail, but bless God it has never been erected. They don't need it. Glory to God!

When people get salvation they have no need of jails. They truly "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."

Have been preaching here eight nights. Two received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Five have followed Jesus in water baptism. Will baptize more this evening. God has added two to the church to date. Pray for me that I may be faithful unto death.

Your little humble brother in His service,

I. H. Marks.

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Edited by F. J. Lee.

THE UNJUST STEWARD.

Luke 16: 1-13. May 10.

MOTTO TEXT, He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. Luke 16:10.

CENTRAL TRUTH, He that is faithful in little things is faithful also in great things.

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In this parable who are the characters spoken of?

The rich man, the steward, and the lord's debtors.

What was the steward accused of?

Wasting his lord's goods. V. 1.

What did his lord require of him?

Give an account of his stewardship. V. 2.

What was his lord expecting to do for him?

Relieve him of his stewardship. V. 2.

On hearing this what did the steward do?

He at once begins calculating how to earn his living. V. 3.

What was so perplexing about making a living?

"I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed." V. 3.

What did he finally resolve to do?

Call the lord's debtors and inquire how much they owed the lord.

What did he do for the one that owed a hundreds measures of oil?

He cut it down to fifty. V. 6.

What did he do for the one that owed a hundred measures of wheat?

He cut it down to fourscore. V. 7.

Why did he fall on this plan?

To gain the friendship of the people, that they might receive him into their houses.

What did his lord think of this?

He commended him for his wisdom manifested. V. 8.

What did Jesus say about it?

"The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Jno. 12:36, Eph. 5:8.

Then what did Jesus say to the disciples?

Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness.

Why make friends of mammon of unrighteousness?

That when ye fail they may receive you into everlasting habitation.

How may we expect to have committed to us the trust of true riches?

By being faithful in the unrighteous mammon. V. 11.

What does He say about serving two masters?

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon." V. 13.

—PRACTICAL THOUGHTS.—

THE STEWASD'S SHREWDNESS, 1—8. From a stand point of the Word we are only stewards of what may come into our hands; so many of us are apt to say "this is ours," not honoring the Lord who has put possessions into our hands. If we could realize it was the Lord's, and we only stewards. surely we would be more cautious how we spend money, foolishly, and not waste the Lord's money; many have come into great possessions, but in a short time it is gone. Why? Because they wasn't faithful with the Lord's, now it is gone and they paupers; but even then if he will be loving, faithful and turn his hand to relieve the oppressed, God will in turn touch their hearts to receive him into their friendship and share their hospitality,

SERVING GOD OR MAMMON, 9—13. Mammon is supposed to be the god of wealth. This god is getting thousands under bondage to him. Men under this god have no peace. Why? Because they are so controlled with greed that peace can't get control of them. The wise man said, "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet." Riches is not a sin, but one thing certain if we become in bondage to it we can't make efficient servants of our Heavenly Master.

So to prove ourselves good stewards, we must use the means given us that His own cause and interest might be promoted. Some may not have money to put into the cause, but every one has a talent, maybe to pray, sing, testify, preach or teach. One says "I can't do any of these," well you CAN go to Sunday School.

Let us not be wastful stewards.

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LOVE.

D. W. Dollahite.

God is love. He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love. (Jno. 4:8.) For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Jno. 3:16.

But God commendeth his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8. If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ let him be Anathema Maranatha [accursed]. We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 1John 3:14. And hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Rom.5:5.

A TESTIMONY.

To the readers of the Evangel, greeting in Jesus' name.

I desire to give a testimony to the mighty power of the gospel to save, cleanse, fill with the Holy Ghost, heal the body of diseases, and keep in the way of truth and right. There is nothing in all the world like the gospel. It's good in the individual heart to give rest and contentment, and in time of temptation to keep from sin. It fits us for a life of usefulness and blessing to others. Its good for the whole family, makes a happy home, free from family quarrels and brawls. It's good for the whole community, that men may live together in love and harmony.

In the last few weeks we have held meetings at Tallapoosa, Athens and Dahlonega, Ga.

While we can't report any thing so very remarkable in our meetings, we can truthfully say that God has been with us in a very definite way. We have been sowing the seed, and we trust that some has fallen in honest hearts, in good soil. We find at least a few every where we have been who want the truth, tho' we have met with some who profess to want the truth, but they seem to be getting at it in the wrong way.

That which they call truth, or something else they possess, gives them a bad spirit. We must have an experience that shows the spirit of Jesus.

The people took "knowledge of Peter and John that they had been with Jesus."

There should be some things, yea many, in us that would make people think of Jesus.

The way to get the likeness of Jesus in us is through the truth of the gospel. The more of it we have and practice the more of His likeness we show. It seems to us some times when men get to wrangling and disputing over their doctrines, that they forget that the one thing that will distinguish them as the followers of Jesus is that they possess His own dispositian, which is to show in our having love, patience, purity and humility, with all.

It's glorious to be able to hold firmly to "sound doctrine," but the beauty of sound doctrine is that it gives us the spirit and power of our Master, Jesus, in our daily life.

Only recently we have been with some who could give a glowing testimony, but did not have love among themselves. Such things ought not to be, will not be if we are right with God. There is a bad wrong where such things exist. "If we love not our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen?"

We should encourage the exercise of more love among the brethren, and to every body else also. This would work against the spirit of division.

Our meeting at Dahlonega was encouraging. Bro. Padgett was with us there for a few days. Satan has been very active against the Church here, but God has some faithful ones here who have held on, and we feel that God will reward them.

Our dear sister Fry has been used in a remarkable way in holding this work together for the past two or three years. She has been specially blessed in praying for the sick and ministering to the little flock in many ways. God has given her a special equipment, and even gifted her for the work, and since Bro. Juillerat is on hand to pastor the church, we trust that Sister Fry will be able to spend more time out in the Lord's work for which she is so well fitted.

And too, we would like to say that in our judgment Bro. Howard Juillerat is just the man to pastor the Church at Dahlonega. We are delighted to see him there.

We have seen some remarkable healings lately. A few in our own meetings, and more in Mrs. Etter's meetings in Atlanta where we had the pleasure of stopping off for a few services.

Let us praise God for what He is doing every where, and look to Him to bring us to a higher state of perfection that He may work more wonderfully in the earth.

In two or three issues of the Evangel lately our article has failed to appear, but in each instance it was mailed on time, but for some reason was delayed in the mails.

Pray for me to be more humble and pliable in God's hands.

Yours for the full gospel,

Sam. S. Perry.

Camp Meeting.

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WIMAUMA, FLA.

MAY 21-31, 1914.

The meeting will be run on the order of the Assembly. All of the ministers and officers of the Church of God in Florida are requested to attend. Get ready for the feast of good things that the Lord has for us.

A. J. TOMLINSON IN CHARGE.

The Holy Ghost is expected to lead. For any information, write to J. F. Sumner, Clerk, Boyette, Fla.

(From page 7.)

Herein is our love made perfect that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfent love casteth out fear, because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 1John 4:17,18. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. 1 John 2:15. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is LOVE.

Waft, waft, ye winds, His story
And you, ye waters roll,
Spread like a sea of glory
His love from pole to pole

Till o'er our radsomed natue
The Lamb for sinners slain
Redeemer, King Victorious,
In bliss returns to reign.